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On this subject, Argentina has traditionally advocated a comprehensive approach to actions and initiatives in the areas of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms regulation. These are areas where Argentina has been actively involved at the regional and global levels in defending the role of multilateralism in general, and of the United Nations in particular, in addressing the multifaceted challenges of disarmament and non-proliferation.

Argentina believes that the best way to promote multilateral disarmament and revitalize existing disarmament bodies while defending national interests is to embark upon substantive negotiations on the various issues on the agenda, within the framework of existing bodies, which are the best place to articulate national security stances.

Argentina has, therefore, actively promoted confidence-building measures, especially in the area of conventional weapons. It is committed to contributing to international peace and security through transparent participation in the international community's collective efforts in the firm belief that greater openness and transparency regarding arms will build confidence, promote stability, help States to moderate their transfer policies, and strengthen peace.

That being so, Argentina has been actively involved in, inter alia, the negotiations over the Arms Trade Treaty, the establishment of the Register of Conventional Arms, and meetings on the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, considering that international stability cannot be based solely on national controls and that these instruments contribute to peace and security. Argentina's emphasis on strengthening these mechanisms is part of a broader commitment over recent decades to the development, implementation and strengthening of subregional, regional and global confidence-building measures.

Argentina is also irrevocably committed to non-proliferation and is a party to the five export control regimes (Australia Group, Zangger Committee, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement and Missile Technology Control Regime).